

Charter Rates Growing Better

Advance in Figure for German
Ship Christel Indicates an Im-
proved Condition.

Three more grain carriers will com-
plete their cargoes this week, practi-
cally clearing up all the engaged grain
tonnage in the harbor. Those whose
cargoes are nearing completion are the
French bark Admiral Halgan, the
French ship Berangere and the British
ship Vincent. The Halgan, which is
lying at the Oceanic dock, will probably
finish today. An effort is being made
to have the Berangere loaded tomor-
row. She is at the Montgomery dock.
The Vincent is being given quick dis-
patch at the elevator and will be finish-
ed by Friday.

The only remaining sailing vessels at
Portland on the engaged list are the
French bark Europe and the German
ship Christel. The Europe is taking on
wheat at the Greenwich dock, but it
will be sometime yet before she will be
ready for the sea. A big force of long-
shoremen is busily engaged in loading
the steamship Lothian at the flour mills
but the task will not be completed be-
fore the first of the week.

No new charters have been reported
since the German ship Christel was
taken last week by Kerr, Gifford, &
Co. There are still three ships in the
river that are open for engagements.
They are the Red Rock, the East Afri-
can and the Glenesslin. The rate given
the Christel shows a decided improve-
ment in the situation, to the shipown-
er's way of looking at the matter, and
it is believed to be very likely that
any charters made from now on will
be effected at good figures. The Christel
was reported chartered at 18s 9d, but
several of the ship owners say that the
rate is 19s.

The British ship Glenesslin will be
brought over from the north shore
where she was recently fumigated and
anchored below Smith's point. She will
remain there for the next seven days
when the quarantine will be lifted. The
ship was alive with rats and cock-
roaches. When the fumes of the sul-
phur began to tell on the vermin, the
cockroaches crawled from every conceivable
crack and crevice on the ship, so that
the decks were literally covered with
them. It was impossible to walk about
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sulphur turned them to almost trans-
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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Lackey is home from a Port-
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Mrs. Charles Zigler returned today
from a Portland visit.

Frank Sweeney, a west side capital-
ist, was in town today.

Fritz Johansen, the lumber man of
Chinook, was in town today.
Miss Laura Fox returned last night
from a brief trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell were in
the city last evening from Seaside.

H. D. Parker has gone to San Fran-
cisco where he will remain for several
days.

Mrs. J. E. Gratke and little son re-
turned today noon from a visit to Port-
land.

Fred Moore, the popular city treas-
urer of Seaside, was an Astoria visitor
today.

C. N. Hess, the well-known dairyman
of Youngs river, was doing business in
the city today.

B. E. Foard, a resident of Olney, re-
turned home today after spending the
night in the city.

A. D. Rockefeller, the "follow the
flag" politician of Seaside, was in the
city yesterday evening.

V. H. Coffey and daughter, Miss
Mamie Coffey, returned yesterday
from a visit to Winlock, Wash.

Otis Patterson was called to The
Dalles last evening by a telegram an-
nouncing the serious illness of his wife.

Professor Dennie left for San Fran-
cisco on yesterday's boat. He will prob-
ably remain permanently in the Bay
City.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. F. J.
Taylor returned last night from Port-
land, where they accompanied Mrs.
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Notice to the Public.

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